

MINUTES OF GEOGRAPHIC AREA STAFF MEETING, 16 MAY 1955

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PRESENT:

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1. [REDACTED] said that the AD has mentioned that the Agency objects to paying for compensatory time to individuals who resign and has asked Division Chiefs to make sure that individuals intending to resign use up their compensatory time first.

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2. [REDACTED] gave [REDACTED] a memorandum on an External Research Project on USSR transportation [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. This is to be coordinated in D/GG.

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3. [REDACTED] requested [REDACTED] to act as Vital Storage Officer for the Geographic Area, to coordinate and stimulate the program so that key items are definitely available.

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4. The handling of a recent request from ONI for information on high tension electric lines was discussed. An answer to this request was prepared by [REDACTED] of the Electric Power Branch, D/M, forwarded by [REDACTED] of St/PC and worked into a final reply to ONI by [REDACTED] of OCD. The answer was not a reply to the ONI requirement, but instead was a policy statement in support of the need for a program in this field by ONI. [REDACTED] requested D/GL, Reference Branch, to make a survey of pertinent materials available in CIA and to coordinate the answer with D/GG and D/GP. [REDACTED] also suggested that the answer by AMS to a similar request from ONI be obtained and studied.

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5. [REDACTED] will meet with [REDACTED], OCI, this afternoon at 4:00 p.m., to discuss cartographic support to OCI.

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6. [REDACTED] commented that he has been told to reemphasize that any conversations or contacts with reporters, news commentators must be reported as per regulation.

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7. [REDACTED] commented on the recent memorandum dealing with the forwarding of unique intelligence materials or studies to top-level Government officials. The memorandum will be discussed at the next staff meeting, after the Division Chiefs have had a chance to consider it carefully.

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25X1A9a 8. The coordination of photo intelligence courses with OTR procedures was the subject of a recent discussion by [REDACTED] of OTR. OTR facilities and procedures are available and should be utilized by any courses presented within the Geographic Area.

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25X1A9a 11. [REDACTED] has received a memorandum from the Executive Director, ARA, Department of State, which said that ARA has not budgeted for a Geographic Attache in Latin America for fiscal year 1956. But that 25X1A9a they will include the item in a supplementary request for funds. [REDACTED] intends to meet soon with the Executive Director, ARA, to 25X1A9a discuss the subject, by which time the supporting letters from U. S. mapping agencies should have reached ARA. If ARA can not handle it, then [REDACTED] will carry the problem to the Comptroller in State.

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25X1A9a 13. [REDACTED] commented that D/GL has held several meetings to discuss the Career Program in the Geographic Area and has prepared a revised draft of paragraphs 3 or 4 of the first page. [REDACTED] handed out copies of the draft revision. [REDACTED] suggested that 25X1A9a this revision be considered along with the revisions suggested by other Divisions, when they are all assembled. [REDACTED] also reported 25X1A9a that D/GL has rewritten their Divisional statement on Career Development. [REDACTED] suggested that a mechanism be established so that all personnel 25X1A9a of the Geographic Area are made aware of job openings anywhere in the Area and the qualifications required by the job. This was referred to [REDACTED] for action. [REDACTED] suggested that a monthly bulletin for news in the Geographic Area would be useful.

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15. Map Library Division personnel toured the Map Reproduction facilities of U. S. Geological Survey last week.

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16. [REDACTED] commented that he expects to receive a copy of an interesting report on correlations between different types of terrain and the various suspension systems used on military tanks.

17. An exhibition of maps by Richard Edes Harrison is at George Washington University during the month of May.

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19. The question of revisions to the OTR publication on intelligence collection was discussed. It was decided that the sections on map collection and photo collection will be revised by D/GL and D/GP respectively by 27 May.

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